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ELECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Restriction Office Action mailed December 13, 2006, which response is being made on or before January 13, 2007, and for which no extension of time fee is due.

Applicants hereby elect **Group I, namely Claims 47-76**, drawn to a stent assembly.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to the non-elected Group.

Respectfully submitted,

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